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HEADQUARTERS' NEWS

Your response to our February News Letter was overwhelming. We, at Headquarters are appreciative and gratified by the many letters received from our members. Again our thanks to each of you, and our sincere hope that you will continue to keep us posted.

It was originally planned to publish four News Letters per year, but indications from letters received and personal talks with many of our members, caused us to dispense with our Summer letter. Henceforth we will publish three, namely March — June — and October.

Your Executive Secretary, Ralph Barber, W2ZM advises that at the S. S. B. Dinner the following members were signed up. W2HYV, Tom Baldwin; W4RJ, Barry Hinnant; K2QXG, Larry McMasters; W3VP, Bill McCarthy; W1PRI, Bob Waters; W2DIM, Herb Baasch; W2HNY, Matty Rehm; W2GCX, Gene Gerber; K3DLA, Stan Fey and W2IZJ, Ray Reniff.

We wish to thank the arrangement committee and especially W2KR Mort and W2CM Bing for the desk space and sign provided at the hotel.

DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER

From Southern New Jersey comes news of a very splendid meeting held by the Delaware Valley Chapter on Saturday evening May 14th, at the Hedgerow Inn, Marlton, New Jersey.

Forty-two attended including your Executive Secretary and your Treasurer W2AMB, Fred Huff. We understand that every one enjoyed their dinner excepting "Pop" Roberts K2EW, who ordered a steak which for some unknown reason was delayed. We understand that W3BFH, Tom Dix Jr. the first Chairman of the Delaware Valley Chapter is moving up to Sudbury, Mass., He is now Chief Engineer of Waters Mfg. Co. It is rumored that Tom has bought a 5 acre farm, his specialty will be "Antenna Farming." Good Luck, Tom.

WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

The Fifth Annual Banquet at Olney Inn, Maryland, on February 27 drew a record crowd of Old Timers. In fact, almost one hundred percent of the local membership enjoyed the hospital southern atmosphere of one of nearby Washington's best.

Attendance exceeded the official membership of record due to xyl's, prospective members and VIP's with a total of 145 as against membership of 124.

Paul Godley, ex-2ZE, whose fame needs no further expose, booked as principal speaker, spent the entire period in extreme frustration at Nassau in the Bahamas, unable to convince the Flight Officer of his priority in order to reach the rostrum at the scheduled time. A yacht trip to Bahama Islands ran

into bad weather, causing sufficient delay to foul up prearranged reservations. Too bad, Paul, but we are thankful to learn of your safety.

New members of the Chapter introduced during the course of the program were; W3RU, W3DWI, W3AXA, K3JQU, K3GIF, W3HX, W4PK, W4LKJ, KH6CE.

VIP's of national prominence introduced were W3DF, George Sterling, former FCC Commissioner, W2KH, George Bailey, former President ARRL, W2KR, Mort Kahn, ARRL Hudson Div. Director, W3YA, Gil Crossley, ARRL Atlantic Div. Director. All Q. C. W. A. Members.

The reason no mention appeared in the last issue QCWA News Letter regarding the Olney Banquet was due to a too early press deadline. The QCWA News Letter was being printed while we were enjoying the full course roast beef dinner.

DAYTON (OHIO) CHAPTER

The Dayton Chapter of the Q.C.W.A held a dinner meeting at the Wishing Well Restaurant in Centerville, Ohio, the evening of March 30th. A total of 51 members and guests were present. A total of 1646 years of activity in amateur radio was represented by the group for an average of 32. Dan McCoy, W8DG, the veteran of the group, with 54 years of activity to his credit, succeeded Al Gunston, W8GQ, as President, Jack Marman, W8MZQ, took over the duties of Secretary -

Treasurer. A feature of the evening was a showing of some of the gear used in the early days by various individuals. The new President will make certain the group meets at least twice a year.

DAYTON HAMVENTION

Your Executive Secretary attended SSB dinner at Biltmore Hotel Friday evening 6th May, about 120 present, the committee graciously provided a table, with sign and nice spot in which to sign up new members, which we did 22 in all from not only Ohio area but Indiana, Tenn and Illinois. Also gave out a number of applications which may come back when information needed has been gathered. Was invited to give short talk on QCWA at the SSB dinner, Saturday the 7th. Met lot of old friends who have talked with over the air, among them being W9AC, W9NN, W9HPG from Chgo. W5KW from Okla, and the following from around the Ohio area. W8DG, new chm of Dayton Chapter, W8GQ, W8ENH, W8LJ, W8AL and also W4DK and his father W8FK, and many others too numerous to mention. Quite a lot of talk about forming new chapters in Columbus and Cincinnati if enough members can be gotten together to do so. Also one in Indiana. There were over 2600 registered at the Convention, with 950 attending the Banquet Saturday night. W8DPW was chairman. Letter from Gov. DeSalle of Ohio proclaiming the week of June 19th to 25th as Amateur Radio Week in Ohio. Would like to thank the entire committee for their gracious help on such short notice and giving us the publicity they did. The entire affair was very smoothly run and with a minimum of delays in seating, eating and service. They are to be congratulated for the way they handled the affair.

CLEVELAND CHAPTER

Our Cleveland Chapter held a dinner meeting on Saturday night May 14th, but to date we have no information at headquarters. We hope that Ellis Smith, W8QV will keep us posted.

MICHIGAN NEWS

From Ed Trombley, WSCAM, comes news that Michigan held the largest convention ever previously held in that State. Over 2000 attended the main meeting. Our chapter had a meeting during the convention. Fifty members were present

and several applications were given to prospective members. The Michigan Chapter meets Sundays 10 AM on 3910KC, so you Michiganders tune in on 3910 Sunday Morning and join the chapter round table. We are also pleased to hear that Sy Jenks W8JYJ, won the Calkins Award. Good Luck, Sy.

TEXAS NEWS

From the big state of Texas comes word from Gene Harrison, W5LR, who is attempting to start a chapter in Dallas. There are enough Texas members to enable the formation of a chapter. Good Luck, Gene.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

From George Davis, W6SJ, and Ted Lowe, K6FH, comes news from our Southern California Chapter. We had an unusually fine turnout with 70 members showing up; and we enjoyed a full evening of general chatter surrounding our "Operation Scrapbook" theme.

One item that seemed to draw a few extra old boys was our main prize of a Hallicrafters HA-1 Electronic Keyer. We also presented a very nice Pennwood Electric Clock to the Lucky XYL.

The main business of the meeting surrounded our interest in supporting a coming QSO Party, which we hope can be slated for the latter part of this year. Ted Lowe, K6FH, has accepted chairmanship of this. Headquarters is a present endeavoring to iron out all details. The North West Chapter will lend all assistance to the So. California Chapter in making the QSO Party a success. However, at this writing, no definite date has been set. It will not be possible to give the party enough publicity in order to run it in October as suggested. It will probably be planned for the second week-end of February as were the previous QSL Parties. All members will be notified in time.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

From Doc Spike, W7OS, comes final report on the Third National Chapter QSO Party.

The Third National Northwest Chapter QWCA QSO Party held February 12, 13, 14, 1960 was so successful, it has been decided to make this an annual event. The amateur activities calendar points out that the second week-end in

February each year would be the best one.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER

Thanks to National QCWA Hdqt. CQ, QST, and many others of our own Northwest Chapter for their help and its success. Here are the results:

- (A) 66 Members sent logs to compete.
- (B) 191 Members appeared on the logs but did not mail in their logs.
- (C) 257 Members total number participated in 1960 QSO Party.

Notes:

W3DQ/KP4 was on vacation but made contact with W8DL D.

W7AOB Our physician member made contacts while calling on patients (mobile).

W9CAS (4th place winner) made all but 2 contacts on CW.

W9UX (5th place winner) only one to contact IIER Mario, in Italy.

W8LD (10th place winner) all contacts made on SSB.

W1WY (8th place winner) all contacts made on CW.

Final Scoring

W5KC - 89, W7LQ - 85, W8ZL - 80, W9CAS - 75, W9UX - 75, W4HZ/3 - 72,

W7FL - 71, W1WY - 69, W3DWY - 65,

W8DL D - 60.

Lowest National Number we could find listed was #4, W2PF.

Highest National we could find listed was #2162, KH6CE.

National QCWA will give a membership prize. Northwest Chapter is sending out a pad of Northwest Chapter QCWA stamps to all top ten winners.

We will hold our summer Semi-annual meeting June 12, 1960 at the Holiday Motor Hotel on U.S. Highway 97, Yakima, Washington. The exact address is 1300 North First Street, Yakima, Washington.

Many of us are going over on Saturday June 11th to enjoy the many features, such as a beautiful swimming pool, golf, bridge, and a lot of good gab festing. The committee is composed of W7NC, Representative Section 3, Chr.: W7ER, W7ADS, W7AYO. Our committee is cooking up something for the ladies, and those of us who were

there last year are thrilled that we are going back this year.

Saturday evening, QCWA supper and bull session for those who want the facts of life, that is, "How to make Northwest Chapter, QCWA the best Chapter of them all". Then W7FL and others are going to give "off-the-cuff" talks on radio.

Sunday, June 12th, 11:00 A.M.—Business meeting and a nice banquet of Sirloin of Beef or Chicken or Ala Carte at 1:30 P.M. and our after dinner speaker about 2:30 P.M.

Now for a few bits of news: Southern California Chapter QCWA will sponsor our next QSO party—Portland QCWA members put on initiation of Royal Order of the Wouff Hong at the Oregon Amateur Radio Convention—35 QCWA members attended breakfast at the Oregon Amateur Radio Convention May 1st—Northwest Chapter Annual Meeting will be held in Longview, Washington the 1st week of November—Regular nets of Northwest Chapter will close for summer vacation June 12th and will resume again the Sunday after Labor Day, September 11, 1960.

PERSONALS

Perce Collison, K2DZ, on the air (unlicensed) in 1908 later licensed in 1912 as 2KN, suggests a rectangular bar across the bottom of our QCWA pin with the word "50 YEARS". We have received several letters from members who have been licensed since 1912 and will be shortly eligible for the 50 year recognition.

Congratulations are in order for "Uncle Dave Marks", **W2APF** up in Albany way. He has been named General Chairman for the 1960 Maintenance fund campaign for the Albany International Center. Good Luck, Dave.

Howard Maguire, W2AAO, Chairman License Plate Committee. New York State advised that he again has introduced bills in this years legislature and the New York State assembly had already passed on them but the bill is bogged down in the State Senate. New York is one of five states that does not issue call letter plates to radio amateurs. The other four states are Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Kentucky.

Al Sonn, W2GC, Active since 1907

used his initials AS. Licensed 1912 as 2GC. Al was the Story Teller on WJZ station, later he was the Man in the Moon at WOR.

Listen to W3CVE, "Red Barger if you wish to improve your CW speed. He issues ARRL bulletins and CRPL Prop reports daily at 0200 GMT except Saturday and Sunday on 3525, 7034, and 14625 KC.

M. B. Carter, W4WC, has been appointed General agent of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company with office at Lynchburg, Va.

We are sorry to hear that **Ray Whannel, W1PHP**, Chairman of the Boston - Providence Chapter is in the Lawrence Memorial Hospital, New London, Conn. Ray has suffered a heart attack. Mail him a get well card. P. S. Ray is now at home.

Ernie "Doc" Cyriax W2DI, advised that he finally changed his QTH. Ernie was licensed as 2D1 in 1912 and has had the same call and lived at the same address until March 1960. There is a record to beat 48 years. Congratulations, Ernie.

W2RB, Bill Reuman, has also had the same call letters since 1912 but of course has moved from Westside New York to Woodside, to Amityville, where are you hiding, Bill?

Irving Groves, W2DX, one of our founders writes from Iran. Irving is Project Manager, for the Iran section of the Centro Ankara-Teheran-Karachi Microwave link. Ham radio is not permitted so there is no possibility of making a "sked" Irving.

Leon Ashton, W3HO, down in Wilmington, Delaware advises that 1960 marks his 50th year in Ham radio. He is just as much interested today as then but admits that he knows less now.

Art "Hutch" Hutchins, W4ISX, formerly W5A/XI MM has finally given up the sea and migrated to the Sun coast of Florida to live out his "borrowed time".

Dan McCoy, W8DG, advised that in 1906 he made his first two way contact (when he lived in Yonkers, N. Y.) with Irving Vermilya, WIZE, who then lived in Mount Vernon, N. Y. Much water has gone over the dam since 1906. Dan also advises

that he has an extra set of QST magazines from Feb. 1925 to Dec. 1944. Write Dan if interested.

Major August Girona, W2JE/KZ5

KQ, Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, writes about a very interesting assignment. He was selected by USAF has to go to South America and set up a communications system to handle Air/Ground and point to point communications for the Presidential Flight to South America 12 Feb. to March 4, 1960. Primarily the system was to pass weather information to Air Force one (Pres. Aircraft) and between the sites where he will visit. Viz: Brazilia, Rio, Buenos Aires, Bariloche, and Santiago, Chile. Also to pass flight following information. Most of the work was phone patch service to various weather officers to the aircraft. Needless to say, the system worked highly satisfactorily. He set up a SSB system, with two commercial type transmitters receivers at Buenos Aires and at Rio de Janerio.

And S line equipment at other sites.

The two commercial type sites were the main source of contacts who relayed traffic from the various sites to Andrews AFB and Cedar Rapids. We used a quad here for that purpose and a whip to work point to point and to aircraft, of course having regard to distance and "skip" effect. Because of this, we sometimes had to use the quad to contact the aircraft. Anyhow the system worked fine. No problems. I enjoyed my two trips to South America, but being very busy I didn't have much chance to do any sightseeing, however, I did take quite a number of color slides, including pictures of President Eisenhower landing at various cities. I feel that the 72 slides I have will make quite an interesting show to the QCWA members on one of the yearly meetings. One important feature of the SSB system was phone patching to relatives of the crews of the aircraft on the presidential flight. We passed at least 75 phone patches for the crews. Most important phone patches were for navy personnel to their folks to tell them that they were not on the flight of naval personnel that crashed in Rio. You can imagine the morale factor value of this service to our armed forces personnel. We managed to do this even tho the work load was quite heavy at times, with weather and

flight following information being passed.

KZ5KQ can be heard any Sunday morning 9AM working our V. P. W2MM on S.S.B. 21395K.C.

Clif Evans, K6BX, has established a central clearing office for information: First for American Amateurs who desire to mail their "expired" copies of Call Book Magazine to overseas hams who would appreciate receiving the Call Book, and secondly, for overseas Amateur friends who desire to be placed on the mailing list for the gift of one of these expired but usable books.

This is a person-to-person friendship project and books will be mailed directly from the American Ham offering it. The names and calls of individual overseas Hams rather than Clubs is desired.

Names or lists of names should be air mailed to K6BX, Clif Evans, Box 385, Bonita, California. USA

Frank C. Guetter, W9IHM, has been promoted to Police Commissioner, Orland Park, Illinois. Frank promises to "tag" every ham who drives through Orland Park and does not stop in to say "Hello" Congratulations, Frank.

London, England

Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association

A reunion of the members of the Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association will take place at the Horse Shoe Hotel, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C.1. on Friday, April 1, 1960.

Radio amateurs who have held a full license issued by the United Kingdom Postmaster General continuously, including the war years, for at least 25 years are eligible to apply for membership of R.A.O.T.A. and to attend the Reunion.

An application form for membership can be obtained by sending a stamped and addressed envelope to the Founder of the Association, Mr. John Clarri coats, O.B.E. (G6CL), 16 Ashridge Gardens, London, N.13.

The Association has nearly 100 members including a number of past presidents of the R.S.G.B. and several holders of pre-1914 call-signs. Members receive a specially designed

lapel badge. Good Luck to you John, G6CL.

LOCUST VALLEY, NEW YORK

Your executive Secretary, Ralph Barber W2ZM, advises that Alexander Johnson W1EA/W1CNZ, Cranston, R. I. and Arthur Jones, W8DMI/6 Burbank, California recently joined the increasing roll of Silent Keys, our condolences to their families.

Ralph also wishes to remind that when proposing a new member, please see that the applicant reads the QCWA blank thoroughly and signs his own signature. Failure to read carefully and to answer all questions and forward the correct amount causes considerable work and is time consuming.

Will the local Chapter secretaries, please advise our Executive Secretary names of their current officers, calls and office held.

The present whereabouts of the following members would be appreciated. Gordon Braendle, KH6BRB; Frank J. Shannon, W3QR/6; A. Dana Furbeck, W6BMV; and Clarence H. Warne, W6WR.

Headquarters has received over 50 suggestions and names for our News Letter. To thank each of you personally would be impossible, so please accept thanks from your humble Editor. No decision on a name has been reached.

PERSONALS - continued

Jack Faulkner, K6CRA advises that he just celebrated his 87th birthday (May 23) and is looking for some guy older and still active on ham radio. Jack usually is on 10 meters (AM) when 10 is open, but goes on 20 and 40 CW when 10 folds up.

Jack also advises that our Southern California chapter invited him to attend a steak dinner, but as Jack cannot "chew" steak (no teeth) he declined, and received a birthday card from the chapter signed by more than 40 members. Congratulations and good health to you, Jack.

News reached us that Uda Ross, W2UD; one of our founders is being retired from Westrex Corp. around August 1st he will move to Lima, Peru. Good luck Uda and hope

that they give you OA4UD so we can work you on 20 meters.

Bob Waters, WIPRI is liable to show up anyplace. My surprise in hearing him call me on 20 meter SSB, and signing HB9TL. Have a nice trip Bob and bring home the bacon.

NEW 1960-1 ROSTER

Along with this News letter you will receive the new 1960-61 Roster. Please remove the old roster pages from the cover and insert the new 36 pages. Corrections have been made up to May 15th, any errors noted should be reported to Fred Huff, W2AMB, our Treasurer or to Ralph Barber, W2ZM our Executive Secretary.

A vote of thanks is due both Fred and Ralph for the very excellent job done in editing and printing the Roster.

Fred, W2AMB, can now go to his summer house at Breton Harbors, near Toms River, New Jersey as he has earned a vacation. He will be on the air all summer on 15-20 and 75 SSB.

Ralph G. Barber, W2ZM; your Executive Secretary is now retired after 28 years with the Corps of Engineers U.S. Army. Ralph was civilian associate engineer and installed the "Nike" sites in Long Island.